Letters

Bloodmobile volunteers always there to help out

Dear Editor:

I am writing to let people know that even though we only collected 68 units of blood at the bloodmobile visit on June 27 we did have a full staff of volunteers as usual.

It takes a great many people to staff the visit and we had the number as we were expecting many more donors. To start our day Mr. A. R. Harwood, Jr. sent two of his men to help with the unloading of the equipment. The first people you meet when you come to donate blood are our typists and for this visit we had Phoebe Childs, Ann Pittman, Pat Chandler, Vickie Canada and Sarah Summers. Next in line are volunteers who take your temperature. Marietta Irby and Ruby Roach served for this visit and they did a fine job. Our next volunteers that you will meet are the nurses. They were Virginia Fratrick, Sandra White, Gladys Moon, Hazel Moon, Mary Hart, Gretchen Wilhemi and Karen Wilson and Brenda Franklin, lab technicians. All of these really know what they are doing and you can't find better people to get along with.

Our next volunteers in the assembly line are the labelers. Shirley Smith, Louise Plunkett, Hattie Mathews, and Ann Fletcher filled this job just perfectly. Our donor assistants come next, (these volunteers assist the donor and nurse as the blood is being taken and go with the donor to the canteen table). To fill these jobs we had Jean Notestein, Theo Lewis, Jessee Martin, Mineva Torrence, Kathleen Caldwell and Jewel Ferguson. At the canteen we had Harriette Cunningham and Katie Martin who watch our donors to make sure they are feeling well (anyone who does not look quite peppy they will detect and ring the bell for the nurses who come immediately), and they also check to see which donors need pins and make note of our first time donors. Our nursery workers are most important as some of the other volunteers must bring their children and of course they care for the children of the donors. We had a total of eight as follows: Thelma Conner, Pearl Mitchell, Sheila Webb, Linda Mays, Cynthia May, Cindy Poe, Dawn Hancock and Peggy Simpson.

Hostess for our canteen was the Appomattox County Homemakers Clubs and they did a great job as usual. Homemade cookies and sandwiches were served along with the Pepsi, donated by the Pepsi Cola Bottling. FoodWorld donated the juice and bread, ice by Travelers Inn Motel. Thanks to each of you as everyone is equally important. Also thanks to Brandford Lucado and Clayton Martin who helped to load at the end of the day. A very special thanks to Tommy Moore who gave chicken for the nurses' supper, from Chicken Palace.

Our next visit will be Monday, August 22 and I do hope we will have a larger number to come out and donate. Remember if it's hot, Liberty Baptist Church is air conditioned and so very comfortable. A big, big thanks to all of you who are responsible for this. It seems there is no end to the wonderful people who have helped so generously and I do hope I have not missed anyone. I will try to get an informative article in the paper about AIDS before our next visit.

I look forward to seeing all of you on August 22.

Alice Martin, Chairman
Bloodmobile Services

DE is now securing jobs

The Distributive Education Department of Appomattox County High School is now in the process of securing job placements for its students.

Distributive Education is a vocational educational program designed for high school students preparing to enter a field of distribution including retail, wholesale, and service occupations. Students in the D.E. Work-Study program are supervised at work by their D.E. Teacher-Coordinator and are graded on their performance and progress.

If you are interested in supporting the Appomattox County High School Distributive Education program by hiring a student, or if you would just like more information about the D.E. program, please contact John McHale, D.E. Coordinator, Appomattox County High School, Appomattox, VA 24522 or phone 352-5317.

Big food fest slated

(Continued from page 7)

Dairymen's Association, Virginia Egg Commission, Virginia Peanut Growers Association, Inc., Virginia Pork Industry Commission, Virginia Broiler Growers Association, Virginia Marine products Commission, Virginia Veal Growers Association, and the Virginia Turkey Association with assistance from the National Turkey Federation.

Southern States meeting set for July 20

Report of local elections of the Advisory Board; Farm - Home Advisory Committee members and operations reports will be among the highlights of the Southern States Cooperative's membership day for Appomattox on July 20. The event will be held at the dealership and will begin at 1 p.m. The business session is slated to start at 2 p.m.

Theme of the meeting will be, "Southern States: 100% You."

The Membership Day," according to managers, Ronald Coleman and Dan G. Coleman, "will give patrons and members the opportunity to become better acquainted with our facilities, products and services. The local election is being held prior to the meeting with members voting by proxy. Members who have not marked their ballot should do so and deposit it in the ballot box prior to the beginning of the meeting. All stockholder members are particularly urged to attend the business session.

Dennis W. Drinkard of Appomattox will serve as chairman of the local meeting.

G. M. Slater of Richmond, a member of Southern States Cooperative's regional staff, will report on Southern States supply and marketing operations for the 1982-83 fiscal year.

Local operations and services rendered to agriculture in the community will be discussed by co-manager, Ronald Coleman.

There will be a special recognition for local board and Farm Home Advisory Committee members who retire this year.

Nominees for the local advisory board are Edwin Anderson, John C. Cole, and Monroe Dyess all of Appomattox, and Russell H. Moore of Gladstone.

Ladies nominated for the Farm Home Advisory Committee are Mrs. John P. Alvis, Jr., and Mrs. W. T. Curd, Jr. both of Concord; Mrs. J. Gerald Blanks, and Mrs. E. W. Marshall, Jr., both of Spout Spring; and Mrs. C. I.. Seymour of Pamplin, and Mrs. Boyd Thompson of Lynchburg.

Another feature of the meeting will be a FHAC "Share-A-Craft" display. Members are urged to bring handmade crafts for display.

The following committee chairmen will assist with the local meeting: Attendance and Telephone Committee - Mrs. T. W. Harrison of Appomattox; Greeting and Ribbons Committee - Mrs. Cliff Plunkett of Appomattox; Refreshments Committee - Mrs. Ronald Coleman of Appomattox; Decorating Committee - Mrs. Dan Coleman of Appomattox.

Promise Land news notes

"He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, without walls." Prov. 25:28

The Willing Workers Club would like to thank all persons who helped to make their program a success on this past Sunday evening.

The Rev. Daniel Bedford gave a very inspiring sermon on Sunday, July 10. He will be conducting service while Rev. Albert Davis, Sr. is on vacation in July.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Forest, Sr. were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Roberton of New York, Mr. and Mrs. H. Thomas of Maryland and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Forest of Detroit, Mich. An outdoor picnic was given by all the children and it was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Martha Eubanks and her husband have returned home from the hospital. They are improving. Special prayers go out to Mrs. Ora Fleshman.

Let us remember the sick and shut-in.

Mt. Zion news

The Mt. Zion Baptist Church Usher's Board will sponsor a program at Jordan Baptist Church July 17 at 7 p.m.

The Love of God Gospel Singers from Gretna will be special guests. Everyone is invited to come and help make this program a success.

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Program helps 39 local youth

By FRANCES H. ABBITT

It's a busy summer for approximately 39 Appomattox County youth who are participating in the Summer Youth Program under the direction of the Lynchburg Community Action Group (LynCag).

Local headquarters for the program are in the building adjacent to the Appomattox Hardware Co. and Mrs. Marilyn Johnson is counselor.

"Helping meet the needs of the unemployed," is the aim of the program that had its beginning June 20 and will end on August 12. The program involves youth between the ages of 14 and 21 who are verified by the Virginia Employment Commission as being economically disadvantaged.

"We have had approximately 65 Appomattox County residents who have been certified by the Virginia Employment Commission. I have been able to place 39 of these," Johnson said.

"We ask the work-site at which the youth are employed to give our workers meaningful work for eight weeks, 32 hours a week," the counselor stated.

Three things are required of the work-site. First, they must designate someone to supervise the youth taking part in the program. The supervisor must attend a training program which is basically to learn the rules and regulations governing the operation of the program. The work-site must agree to abide by the Child Labor Laws.

"I'm really pushing that these youth be exposed to good work environments, learn good work habits and develop an appreciation for work ethics," commented Johnson.

The counselor emphasized that the program is not intended only as a way of giving the youth involved an opportunity to make some money but to give them a meaningful work experience.

"I sincerely want this program to introduce the disadvantaged youth to the world of work," the counselor said.

There are four specific areas in which the youth are working in Appomattox: maintenance, recreation, clerical and kitchen.

"The youth working here in Appomattox got their first pay checks last week," said Mrs. Johnson with a smile. "And," she added, "they're putting their money, a lot of it, back in the county."

One of the clerical aids has designated a part of her check to buy a pretty dress to wear to the wedding of a freind. A number of the youth will be using a part of their earnings to help with expenses of maintaining the family unit.

"To help my mother..." was the comment of one youth worker; another said, "to be able to buy my own school clothes this fall."

Summer Youth Employment Program employees are busy working at the 4-H Center at Holiday Lake, and they are a part of the school system. One clerical youth worker is in each of the four schools and two maintainance workers are in each of the four schools.

"Of the 39 we have on board," commented the counselor, "we have 15 who are 'out of school participants' ... either they have graduated or they have dropped out."

The Lynchburg Community Action Group involves the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, Campbell, and the City of Lynchburg. Shirley Wheeler is supervising counselor at the Lynchburg office of LynCag.

"I am pleased with the progress in the Appomattox area. The feedback is good," commented Johnson who a member of the faculty at Longwood College.

MAUDE GOFF, a restaurateur legend in Appomattox County. (Photo by Jeff Spitzer)

Legendary cooking pro

Maude Goff returns to coun

In Appomattox County, the name "Maude" is synonomous with excellent home-style cooking.

Maude Goff, the woman who started that tradition in the 1940s, has returned to Appomattox County -- in a fashion. She will be cooking barbecue to be sold by the Appomattox Assembly every Saturday through the summer. The barbecue stand will be located on Route 460 between Moses Motor Company and the coin laundry in the town of Appomattox.

"I buy vegetables from Mr. Thomas Chilton (president of the Appomattox Assembly)," notes Maude. "He had been talking about an idea for a fundraising project for the Assembly, having barbecue sales every weekend. But he hadn't been able to find a cook. He told me what the money raised would be used for -- helping elderly and handicapped people, and helping children with scholarships. I told him I'd be willing to do it a day a week, since it would be helping the needy. Everybody needs some help from time to time."

It is appropriate that Maude will offer barbecue in her return to Appomattox. "My barbecue sauce is my specialty," she says. "It's my million-dollar secret."

A native of Thurman, W. Va., Maude has been cooking for more than 40 years. She was reared near Bent Creek in Appomattox, and moved to Washington, D.C., in her late teens. After working in Washington for 18 years, she returned to Appomattox in 1945 to care for her father and grandmother, who had taken ill.

While caring for her father and grandmother, she began baking tarts and pies, which were sold in Appomattox at Gobel's Service Station and Mrs. Reynolds' Grocery Store.

Response to her baked goods was so good that she opened a small restaurant in December of 1946, a couple of miles east of the town of Appomattox on Route 460.

Four years later, in 1950, Maude moved her restaurant to a new building on west of the town of Appomattox on Route 460. Though she left that business to move to Lynchburg in 1957, the restaurant still bears the name "Maude" and attracts customers from here and elsewhere who through the years have grown accustomed to the fine food associated with the name.

"When we first started in the business, we would use approximately 300 chickens a week," Maude recalls. "There was no such thing as prepared chicken. I used to pull a trailer up the road every week to Dillwyn, where I'd pick up the chickens alive, then when I got back we'd have a chicken picking contest." "Chicken, and deviled crabs and crabcakes were our biggest sellers," she notes. "A lot of people had never heard of deviled crabs, so I started making some small crab cakes and giving them out as sample, and the people got to where they really liked them."

In the 1940s and 1950s, as now, the restaurant business was not an easy one. "The hot shop was almost never closed. We were open from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m., and sometimes, in the winter when the highway department crews were working late scaping the snow off the roads, we would stay open even later, sometimes 24 hours, so that the men could eat when they were finished with their work," Maude recalls.

The biggest difference in the restaurant business today and when Maude started is the relative scarcity of meals that are "prepared from the ground up."

"We didnt use frozen meat and vegetables, or pre-packaged foods," Maude notes. "Almost everything we served was made from scratch. I can understand why restaurants don't do that today. It's hard to find reliable help, and using prepared foods cuts down on the cost of labor. But I think it also cuts down of the taste of the food."

Commenting on the modern-day phenomenon of fast-food restaurants, Maude notes that they are "nice for a change, but I don't think they can ever replace the basic, southern-style home-cooked meal."

Maude herself has no particular favorites in terms of food types. "I like steak, seafood, chicken: anything, as long as it's fresh, and well prepared. The one thing I don't like is food that's all chopped up and mixed together," she says.

Though Maude retired from the restaurant business in Lynchburg in the 1970s for health reasons, she says she will enjoy the Saturday outings in Appomattox. Last Saturday marked the first of the weekend barbecue sales in Appomattox. "I saw a lot of people I hadn't seen in years," she says. "Some of them were children when I was here, and they're grown with grown children of their own now."

"I still have strong ties with Appomattox," she continues. "I still have my hair done here, and I still deal with a lot of the businesses in town, such as Farmers Bank, Webb's Tire and [illegible] Company. I'm going [illegible] cooking barbecue in Appomattox on weekends. It'll give me a chance to get out in the fresh air, and to see a lot of my old friends."

Sponsored by [illegible] Club

Appo[illegible] pageant set

The Appomattox Woman's Club will sponsor the Miss Appomattox Pageant this year. The pageant is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 10, at 8 p.m. in the Appomattox County High School auditorium.

Eleven young ladies, the names of whom will be announced later, will vie for the title of Miss Appomattox at the pageant. The winner of the Miss Appomattox Pageant will enter the Miss Virginia Pageant, to be held next July in Roanoke.

Whoever is chosen Miss Virginia at that pageant will move on to compete in the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City, N.J. next September.

June Chensult, spokeswoman for the Appomattox Woman's Club, notes that "this will be a community endeavor and we in the Appomattox Woman's Club are sure all in the community will participate to insure its success."

STEVE MARSHALL (left) [illegible] of the local Woodmen of the World (WOW) Chapter is shown [illegible] a check in the amount of $1,000.00 to Marvin House, Jr. ([illegible] of the Appomattox FFA Alumni. This donation is being [illegible] purchase of approximately 30 acres of land from Fred J[illegible] recreational agriculture departments in the county a[illegible] Virginia laws to hold title to land and Association has in[illegible]00.00 which is the amount needed to is spear heading e[illegible] purchase the pro[illegible] approximately $8,000.00 has been donated. Alumni [illegible] Vo-Ag students and friends of the FFA are being requ[illegible] to the land lab fund. Long range plans for using the land h[illegible] developed for the property by the Alumni Association. Persons [illegible] contributing to the fund are requested to send donations of any amount to Marvin House, Jr., Route 4, Box 47, Appomattox, VA 24522. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

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The local Dixie Pre Majors All-Star Team won their district tournament and advanced to the state tournament. See Page 7.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

The summer school vacation period is half over. Gone by in a hurry. Around the corner we will be wondering what about ACHS football this fall. Extended dryness has slowed growth in gardens and yards. Most of us have done less than usual lawnmowing. But there is always something good to report. Saturday while browsing among the weeds in my garden I found a fully ripe decorative gourd. Beautiful green and yellow. Will varnish it and will decorate a coffee table for a year. Hope there will be more. I planted right many. But the big news from my small garden is that there are three hills of cotton up and growing. As a novelty horseboats, I plant a bit of cotton every year.

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Appomattox Is A Growing Town. And the U.S.A. is growing too. Latest estimate is that there are 234 million of us. No estimate available on gnats and mosquitos.

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In the Dixie Youth District baseball playoffs, Appomattox lost out to Madison Heights National, 11-2.

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Travel scene: I counted a dozen motorcycles parked at a local eating place early this morning. Cool way to travel?

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Often when one reads or listens from the media one is depressed by the volume of "bad news." Accidents, debts, hassles, deaths. One thing this nation needs is some good news. In a bundle of reproductions of famous news stories, I found the front page of The Los Angeles Examiner May 22, 1927. The story? Lindbergh's solo flight across the Atlantic. The first paragraph is quoted: "Le Bourget Field, Paris, May 21 - Sweeping down from the skies in a magnificant landing, cheered to the echo by thousands upon thousands of Welcoming Americans and French residents, Captain Charles Lindbergh, the intrepid 'flying fool' from St. Louis, Mo., landed here tonight at 10:23 Paris time, completing his marvelous non-stop flight across the Atlantic Ocean from New York to Paris, a distance of approximately 3600 miles." And so on with details. Average speed, for example, was 107½ miles per hour. Viva l' Amerique. Hats were smashed, costumes torn, suits ruined. Women fainted." Much more, but we were so proud. So happy. The world had a hero and something everyone could celebrate. I recall seeing Lindy later on one of his tours. And later all America shared in the tragedy of his kidnapped son. But there are other examples of events bringing our nation to its feet with proud cheers. Tonic to the soul. I say, we need "a shot in the arm, an occasion to unite. To strut. Ah yes, maybe the good news is about us and too often ignored. Superman and Wonder Woman may be on call. Seek the bright side. Faces look better with a smile than a frown. Thanks for reading and seeya around.